

November 6, 2009

Iowa Board of Parole
510 E. 12th Street, Suite 3
Des Moines, IA 50319

Re: *State of Iowa v. Heidi Anfinson*

Members of the Board of Parole:

My purpose in writing to you is to express the position of the Polk County Attorney's Office regarding the above referenced matter.

On November 5, 2009, Ms. Anfinson's plea of guilty to Multiple Acts of Child Endangerment in violation of Iowa Code Section 726.6A concerning the death of her infant son was accepted by Polk County District Judge Scott Rosenberg. Ms. Anfinson waived the use of a pre-sentence report, waived all time and post-plea motions and her right to appeal and was sentenced to a term not to exceed 50 years as required by law. This plea was entered as a result of a plea agreement between Ms. Anfinson and the State of Iowa which both parties believe was a fair resolution of this matter.

Pursuant to that agreement, I agreed to write a letter to you regarding Ms. Anfinson and the resolution of this matter. In her plea of guilty, Ms. Anfinson took responsibility for her conduct in this matter which resulted in the death of her son. Since this crime is a forcible felony the court was required to sentence her to a term not to exceed fifty years but there is no mandatory minimum which must first be served before she is eligible for parole. In arriving at this plea agreement, we considered the case of Shyeaka Robinson who pled guilty in Polk County District Court to Second Degree Murder in the death of her child before the law was changed to add the mandatory 85% and then 70% language, and who was sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed fifty years in prison. I trust your judgment to determine Ms. Anfinson's eligibility for parole and know that you will treat her fairly as you do all other inmates. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SARCONI
Polk County Attorney

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